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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs

Lead Administrators, Charter Schools

From: William J. Hussey, Director 20074

Exceptional Children Division

Re: Notice of Public Comment – Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Exceptional Children Division (ECD) will accept public comment on proposed changes to practices in the evaluation and identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Interested citizens and school personnel are invited to review the proposed changes and submit any comments in writing to autismspectrumdisorder@dpi.nc.gov. Documents of proposed changes are attached and can also be viewed in person at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Exceptional Children Division (Education Building, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh) and on the web at http://ec.ncpublicschools.gov under Hot Topics. The public comment period will be held from April 20, 2018 to May 20, 2018.

Two face-to-face opportunities for public comment will be provided at the following dates and locations:

April 24, 2018 (6:00 – 7:30 pm)

Harnett Health Science Center

51 Red Mulberry Way

Lillington, NC

May 1, 2018 (6:00 – 7:30 pm)

West Concord Resource Center

509 West Concord Street

Morganton, NC

Comments may be submitted via email to <u>autismspectrumdisorder@dpi.nc.gov</u> or mailed to:

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Exceptional Children Division 6356 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-65356 ATTN: Dreama McCoy or Heidi Carico

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